

Obituary.

DR. THOMAS A. RODGER.

With renewed regret we are called upon to chronicle the death of another of our *confrères*, Dr. Thomas Anderson Rodger, well-known throughout the length and breadth of this Dominion. Dr. Rodger, in May last, contracted erysipelas through a trifling abrasion whilst attending cases in the Montreal General Hospital, of which he was one of the Assistant Surgeons. A most severe phlegmon of the neck and cheek developed in consequence, and from the latter, spite of the most assiduous care of his medical friends, came a slow pyæmia with suppurating joints, and finally pneumonia. Under this formidable malady the doctor, a very powerful man, sank and died on the 6th ultimo—a victim who perished prematurely in the performance of his duty.

Dr. Rodger was born at Beith, Scotland, in 1847, and came to Canada at 9 years of age. When quite young he was employed as clerk by Mr. J. A. Harte, the chemist and druggist, and thus acquired a desire to enter upon the study of medicine. He subsequently matriculated at McGill and graduated with much success in 1869. He was then appointed Resident Medical Officer of the Montreal General Hospital, his seniors in that position at the time being Dr. Geo. Ross and Dr. T. G. Roddick. After serving two years he established himself in Montreal, his first location being Point St. Charles, just then beginning to become populous. He soon acquired a very large practice in this busy suburb, and was looked upon as an uncommonly skilful surgeon and accoucheur. Upon the death of Dr. Scott, about seven years ago, the choice of the G. T. R. most naturally fell upon Dr. Rodger, who thus became the chief medical officer of this great corporation. Having thus close business and personal relations over the whole of Canada, Dr. Rodger was soon recognized as a fair, straight-minded, honorable man, and enjoyed a well-deserved popularity. He occupied many posts of honor and distinction in the profession; he was one of the assistant surgeons of the M. G. H., one of the representative fellows of